

These are common-sense, modest proposals. Let us do the will of the American people. Let us not forget Melinda Flowers.

NO SEPARATE COMMAND AND NO SEPARATE GEOGRAPHIC AREA FOR MILITARY FORCES IN KOSOVO

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, this Member rises to oppose any kind of accommodationist approach regarding Russian military forces in Kosovo. Russia's gambit at the Pristina airport clearly caught NATO and the Clinton administration off guard. It looks too much like the kind of territorial grab the Soviet Army made at the end of World War II. Moscow declared and demanded that its soldiers have a separate sector to patrol outside NATO's command.

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Madam Speaker, Americans must not be deceived by the administration to accept euphemistic rhetoric which will mask the placement of Russian forces in a separate geographic area in Kosovo under a separate command.

President Clinton must not budge. No separate sector under Russian control.

The administration and NATO absolutely must not compromise on this issue. Congress and the American people will be watching. The world will be watching. There must be only one answer to the Russians. No, no, no. Nyet, nyet, nyet.

WHAT POLICY WILL MAKE US SAFER?

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about gun safety and to pose the question, What policy will make us safer? Today in Congress we will debate the issue of gun safety and, most importantly, closing the loophole with respect to gun shows. The issue will be this: Should we be allowed to do a 3-day background check on people who buy guns or should we have a watered-down version that only allows 24 hours?

Law enforcement officials such as the FBI say they need 3 days because sometimes there are thousands of Johnsons and Smiths that they have to run through their computers.

What will make us safer: Taking the 3 days to do a thorough background check so a felon or someone with mental instability does not get a gun, or rushing through for the sake of conven-

ience and letting literally thousands of felons get guns?

These gun shows do not occur at neighborhood arenas or fairgrounds. Oftentimes it is somebody in a pickup truck who shows his guns at a small community. There is nothing wrong with that, but they should have adequate background checks. We have an opportunity to do it today.

Madam Speaker, I urge us to vote for sound, fair, sensible gun control.

LET US FOLLOW NOBLE ASPIRATIONS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask this Congress this morning, What do we tell the mothers and fathers of murdered children? What do we tell those who have seen 13 children die every day? This Congress has an opportunity, as was our prayer this morning, to follow noble aspirations and not follow our political aspirations. Four hundred thousand, 400,000 people were prevented from getting guns under the Brady bill. Two-thirds of them were felons.

To the Republicans who voted for the Brady bill, it is time now to follow noble aspirations and not political aspirations. It is time to join common-sense children's safety and protect them against guns.

Today I will go and talk to constituents who have called me, one who said they will use every penny to defeat me if I vote for gun safety. I ask my colleagues to stand against intimidation, stand for the saving of the lives of those who will go on after us. Tell the mothers and fathers of murdered children that we have the courage to follow our noble aspirations and stand up against the death of children in America.

Vote for gun safety today. Vote for gun safety.

GOP: GUNS OVER PEOPLE

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago House Republicans said they believed that the United States should not take a leadership role in the world; a war in Europe was someone else's problem, they said. But this week, the GOP says the United States should be the leader of the world. The United States, according to House Republicans, must retain its title as world leader: in murders, assaults and other incidents of gun violence.

I used to think that the Republicans' isolationism simply meant that they closed their eyes to the rest of the

world's problems. Now I see that they have closed their eyes to the rest of the world's solutions. The solution to gun violence and crime in every other industrialized nation has been fewer guns; more gun safety laws. It has proven it works.

Sometimes it is hard to figure out what the Members of the GOP stand for. They want us to stand alone in the world, too proud to take a lesson from other countries. They do not want us to stand up for freedom or stand up to an evil aggressor, but at least it is clear what the letters GOP stand for: Guns over people.

AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON OVERSEAS, WHO IS PAYING FOR IT, AND HOW FAR THE MILITARY HAS BEEN DILUTED

(Mr. MCINNIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCINNIS. Madam Speaker, I was not going to address the House until I heard the previous speaker. I would say to the previous speaker that I would like to show him a poster which I am going to show a little later on, a very violent poster. And, of course, this company contributes maximum contributions to the Democratic National Committee.

Second of all, as the previous speaker brought up, that the Republicans are questioning what kind of action went on in Kosovo. Doggone right we are questioning about that. Who is paying their fair share over there? Are the Europeans doing their fair share of burden sharing? Or once again, is it the taxpayers of the United States of America that are going to pay for all of the action in Kosovo, or the great majority of it?

Let us not kid anybody around here. The American taxpayer and the American citizens want to know what business we have overseas, how we are paying for it, how many of our troops are in danger, how much we have diluted the United States military.

Now, the previous speaker, apparently speaking for the Democratic Party, does not think that is any of our business. Well, I do. I think it is our business. We have the obligation to, number one, see what the mission is and how we complete it.

VOTING TO SUPPORT JUVENILE JUSTICE BILLS

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Madam Speaker, later today we will have the opportunity to vote on a bipartisan piece of legislation that stresses both